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ACTION STR FOR STARKEY

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SUBJECT: EC AGRICULTURAL NOTIFICATIONS

REF: STARKEY-CULBERT TELECON MARCH 15

1. I TALKED WITH LUYTEN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REF TELECON AND SUGGESTED WE TRY TO WORK OUT A SCENARIO FOR THE MEETING TOMORROW MORNING AT 9:30 A.M. SO AS TO "COOL IT" AND ASKED LUYTEN IF HE HAD ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW WE MIGHT BOTH COOPERATE TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE. I APPROACHED THE MATTER IN THIS FASHION IN ORDER TO TRY TO ASCERTAIN IF LUYTEN HAD ANY INSTRUCTIONS OF A SIMILAR VEIN FROM BRUSSELS. LUYTEN'S INITIAL REPLY WAS THAT HE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY HOW THE COMMUNITY WOULD HANDLE THE MATTER TOMORROW; HE NOTED THAT SOME PEOPLE FROM DG VI WOULD BE COMING DOWN AND HE "SUPPOSED" THE COMMUNITY WOULD INDEED WISH TO HAVE A DISCUSSION OF THE COMMUNITY COMPLAINT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND WOULD WANT TO EXPLAIN WHY THE EC FELT OUR NOTIFICATIONS TO OTHER COUNTRIES DID

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NOT CORRESPOND WITH THE AGREED PROCEDURES. LUYTEN ALSO SAID HE SUPPOSED U.S. WOULD WISH TO "PLAY ITS SYMPHONY" AND THAT WOULD BE THAT BECAUSE THE ARGUMENTS WERE FAMILIAR AND FEW OTHERS WERE INTERESTED. I THEN INQUIRED WOULD IT NOT BE BETTER THAT WE BOTH ASK CHAIRMAN PATTERSON PRIOR TO THE MEETING TOMORROW MORNING THAT HE DRAW THE INFORMAL GROUP'S ATTENTION TO THE EC NOTIFICATION AND TAKE THE

INITIATIVE HIMSELF TO SAY THIS IS A FAMILIAR PROBLEM AND WOULD IT NOT BE BETTER IF THE U.S. AND EC CONTINUED THEIR PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS PROCEDURAL PROBLEM AND TRY TO SETTLE IT THEMSELVES. I SAID WASHINGTON PREFERRED THAT WE NOT HAVE A REPETITION OF OUR PROCEDURAL DIFFERENCES AT THIS MOMENT AND THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO GET OVER TOMORROW'S MEETING AS WELL AS THE MARCH 28 MEETING WITHOUT HAVING TO ENGAGE IN THIS KIND OF DISPUTE. LUYTEN QUICKLY RESPONDED HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE SILENCE TOMORROW AND THE WAY TO ACHIEVE THAT WOULD BE FOR THE U.S. TO WITHDRAW ITS NOTIFICATIONS ADDRESSED TO OTHER COUNTRIES SINCE THE EC WAS ONLY RESPONDING TO AN AGGRESSIVE STEP BY THE U.S. AND ONE CONTRARY TO THE AGREED PROCEDURES. I SAID THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.

2. THIS IS CLASSIC LUYTEN TACTICS AND BEHAVIOR. I WILL NEED INSTRUCTION BY 9:00 A.M. MARCH 16 AS TO WHAT, IF ANYTHING, WASHINGTON WANTS ME TO SAY. CULBERT

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